

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Page 5, beginning at line 6 through line 19, please delete the paragraph "Therefore, the need for - - - - classified as cellulosic membranes.", and replace the paragraph with the following rewritten paragraph:

Therefore, the need for enhanced and more reliable penetration resistance or added permeation resistance is accomplished by forming a monolithic membrane or hydrophilic membrane, or film, within or on the surface (as the coating 12) of the microporous membrane 10. Monolithic membranes are usually continuous membranes or membranes with an ultra-microporous structure with pore sizes an order of magnitude smaller than the base microporous membrane. Their solid or much more compact structure explains its added penetration resistant ability. Outward moisture vapor occurs in solid membranes because of hydrophilic (water loving) polymers within some monolithic membranes which create a diffusion process for outward moisture transmission from wetter to drier conditions, such as outward sweat passage away from the body into the ambiance. Such liquid film forming compounds, used for forming the coating 12, are commercially available from companies such as ~~Noveon Incorporated or Soluol Chemical~~ NOVEON INCORPORATED OR SOLUOL CHEMICAL. Other monolithic membranes are fully hydrophilic and others create ultra-microporous structures. Many are classified as cellulosic membranes.